

costs, only in civil actions. Read 2nd time, and referred to Judiciary committee.

A bill to authorize the Governor to demand and receive all monies due the State from the United States. Ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1846. }
9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, roll called and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day read and adopted.

Senator Parker, Chairman of the committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to repeal an act to provide for the establishment of peace, and to regulate friendly intercourse with Indians, approved 14th January, 1843, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its rejection.

Report adopted.

On motion of Senator Bagby, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the liquidation and adjustment of the public debt.

Senator Wallace offered the following as a substitute for the 1st section:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That a commission of three persons, shall be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, for the purpose of examining all outstanding claims, and unpaid claims of whatsoever nature or description, whether held by citizens of Texas or other persons, against the Republic of Texas; and it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to report their proceeding to the next Legislature.

Yeas and nays stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Cuney, Hogg, Jewett, McNeel, Miller, Robinson, Scott, Wallace and Williams—12.

Nays. Senators, Burleson, Grimes, Kinney, McKinney, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, and Wood—8.

Adopted

Senator Jewett move to strike out "three commissioners" and insert "an Auditor."

Yeas and nays stood:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Cuney, Grimes, Jewett, McNeel, Miller, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Wallace, Williamson, and Wood—14.

Nays. Senators, Burleson, Hogg, Kinney, McKinney, Navarro, Phillips, and Williams.—7.

Adopted.

Senator Grimes offered a substitute for the section as amended:

"That the Comptroller of the State be required to examine, arrange and methodically classify all claims, liabilities, &c., against the late Republic, whether held by citizens or otherwise, and to report his proceedings once in six months to the Governor, and to the Legislature at its next session.

Yeas and nays stood:

Yeas. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Cuney, Grimes, Jewett, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Wallace, Williams, Williamson, and Wood.—16.

Nays. Senators, Burleson, Hogg, Kinney, McKinney, and Phillips—5.

Carried.

Senator Wallace offered an amendment, allowing the Comptroller the requisite books, and one clerk. Adopted.

Senator Jewett offered an additional section:

"That all claims not exceeding one thousand dollars, the claimant shall be allowed to file his claim before the Probate Judge of his county, who shall receive the testimony, and report to the Comptroller for his examination."

Adopted.

Senator Grimes offered an additional section:

"That all claims not presented to the Comptroller before the next biennial meeting of the Legislature shall be barred."

On motion, the bill and amendments were referred to a select committee, composed of Senators Williamson, Kinney, Bourland, Cuney and Scott.

A bill to define the limits of San Patricio county. Passed to 3rd reading.

A bill providing for vesting in the State escheated property. Read 3rd time, and passed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had adopted the report of the committee of Conference on the "bill defining the duties of Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas," and transmitting the following bills:

A bill to create the county of Hunt.

A bill to exempt from taxation \$250 worth of household furniture, or other personal property belong to each family in the State.

A bill prescribing further duties for the County Court.

A bill to legalize the official acts of Chief and Associate Justices, and Courts of County Commissioners, while sitting as a Board of Land Commissioners.

A bill to protect religious meetings.

A bill to provide for revising, digesting, and arranging the laws civil and criminal.

A bill to settle conflicting rights between the counties of Victoria, De Witt, La Vacca, Jackson, Refugio, and Calhoun.

A bill authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents to land lying in two or more counties. Referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Joint resolution granting permission to all persons who petition the Legislature for relief, to withdraw their vouchers.—Ordered to be engrossed.

Bill establishing the seat of Justice of Limestone county.—Read 1st time.

Bill to require the county of Wharton to pay a portion of the debt of Colorado and Matagorda counties. Read 1st time.

Bill to fix the county seat of the county of Grimes. Read 1st time.

Bill to authorize and require the Governor, to cause the Constitution and certain laws to be translated into the German language, and promulgate the same. Read 1st time.

Bill to create the county of Angelina. Read 1st time.

Bill establishing the seat of Justice of Dallas county. Read 1st time.

Bill defining the limits of Nacogdoches county. Read 1st time.

Bill authorizing the Governor to offer rewards for fugitives. Read 1st time.

Bill to authorize J. H. Brown and Mary M. Brown, to adopt J. H. B. Stever as their child and lawful heir. Read 1st time.

Joint resolution concerning roads in Robertson county. Read 1st time.

Bill for the relief of James Gilliam Assignee of Jesse Billingsly. Read 1st time.

Bill requiring the county of Limestone to pay one fourth of the debt of Robertson county. Read 1st time.

Bill transferring part of the liabilities of Milam county to Burleson county. Read 1st time.

Bill legalizing sales of lots. Read 1st time.

Bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Joseph McGee. Read 1st time.

Amendments of the House to a bill to connect Galveston Island with the main land at Virginia Point; first and second amendments concurred in, and refused to concur in the third.

Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to a bill to provide for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the State of Texas.

Also, in the amendments of the House to a bill to incorporate Lamar Academy.

A bill to organize the county of Upshur. Read 1st time.

A bill to apportion in part the public debt of the county of Fannin, between the new counties created within the former limits of the same. Passed to 3rd reading.

A bill to secure to the State of Texas, the customs' revenue received or incurred under the laws of the Republic of Texas. Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to prevent slaves from hiring their own time. Read 2nd time and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to declare certain files and surveys fraudulent and void. Referred to committee on Public Lands.

Bill to secure the right of volunteers in the Naval service to their bounty land. Read 3rd time and passed.

Joint resolution for disposing of a portion of the public buildings at the city of Austin. Read 3rd time and passed.

Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Bill to create the county of Titus being the special order, Senator Scott offered a substitute for the first section, which together with the bill, was referred to a select committee.

Bill to allow former holders of land sold for taxes to redeem the same, when purchased in by the Government; ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Phillips introduced a bill requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to record evidences of title.—
Read 1st time.

Bill authorizing plaintiffs or defendants, or their agents to file briefs of their cases in the Supreme Court, to be taken as an appearance; ordered to be engrossed.

Bill to authorize Chief Justices of counties, elected on the 1st Monday of February, to continue the discharge of the duties of their office. Read 1st time.

Joint resolution, declaring the exclusive right of Texas, to the jurisdiction over the soil included within its limits. Read 1st time.

Bill for the relief of Isaac Ferguson. Read 1st time.

Bill for the protection of widows and orphans. Read 1st time.

On motion of Senator Wood, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
THURSDAY, April, 9, 1846. }
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, roll called and a quorum present.

Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Senator Grimes, Chairman of the Finance committee, to whom was referred "a bill to raise a revenue by direct taxation," reported the same back to the Senate with an amendment:

Fifth section, fifth line, after "imposed" insert "and upon all property assessed, where the owner is unknown."

The committee also submit the following statement of the amount of property taxable, its value, and the amount of revenue arising on each kind, as nearly as can be arrived at from the the Treasurer's report of the assessment for the year 1845.